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July 30, 2003

Hon. Chairman Deborah Tate
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: In Re: Complaint of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and
Brooks Fiber Communications of Tennessee, Inc. Against BellSouth
for Overcharging for High-Capacity Circuits
Docket No. 03-00145

Dear Chairman Tate:

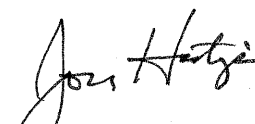
Enclosed please find the original plus fourteen (14) copies of a Joint Motion for Stay of Proceedings which we would appreciate your filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

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Enclosures

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MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (collectively, “MCI”) and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (“BellSouth”) hereby jointly move the TRA for a stay of the proceedings in this case. As grounds for their motion, the parties state the following:

1. The parties entered into a Settlement Agreement effective July 25, 2003 addressing a number of claims between the parties, including the claims MCI has raised in this case. The Settlement Agreement provides that MCI will dismiss this action with prejudice, provided, among other things, that the court presiding over MCI's bankruptcy proceedings issues an order approving the settlement and certain subsequent events take place.

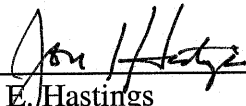
2. Because there is a strong likelihood that this dispute will be resolved without the need for further involvement by the TRA, proceeding further at this stage in all likelihood would waste the resources of the TRA and the parties.

The parties therefore request that this action be stayed until (a) MCI dismisses the action with prejudice; or (b) one or both of the parties notify the TRA that the case has not been settled, necessitating its recommencement. If settlement is not achieved and further proceedings are therefore required, the parties will submit a joint proposed procedural schedule, or (if they are unable to agree on a schedule) separate proposed procedural schedules, which would include, among other things, additional time for the completion of discovery.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that their Joint Motion be granted.

Respectfully submitted, this 30th day of July, 2003.

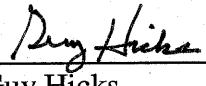
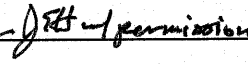
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